Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

April 2013

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 percent between March 2013 and April 2013 while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.2 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the April All-items Index increased from March 2013 primarily due to higher prices for health care services, footwear, inter-city transportation and fresh or frozen beef. Prices also increased for cigarettes, bakery products and non-alcoholic beverages.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for gasoline, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, fresh fruit and women's clothing. Prices also fell for dairy products, men's clothing and purchase and operation of recreational vehicles.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 1.0 percent between April 2012 and April 2013 while the Canada All-items Index increased 0.4 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.4 percent and 0.6 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The April All-items Index increased from April 2012 primarily due to higher prices for rent, electricity, food purchased from restaurants and passenger vehicles insurance premiums. Prices also rose for water, tuition fees and property taxes (including special charges)

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for gasoline, home entertainment equipment, parts and services, homeowners' mortgage insurance, and purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles. Prices also fell for recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), mortgage interest cost and purchase and operation of recreational vehicles.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca

ALL-ITEMS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	Apr. 2013	Mar. 2013	Mar. 2013 to Apr. 2013	Apr. 2012 to Apr. 2013
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	125.4	125.2	0.2	1.0
Food	133.7	133.2	0.4	2.5
Shelter	148.9	148.7	0.1	1.8
Household Operations and Furnishings	108.7	108.5	0.2	2.3
Clothing and Footwear	98.4	98.9	-0.5	2.3
Transportation	119.5	120.0	-0.4	-1.6
Health and Personal Care	116.5	114.9	1.4	1.7
Recreation, Education and Reading	105.9	105.8	0.1	-0.5
Tobacco and Alcohol	150.2	147.7	1.7	4.5
All-Items Excluding Energy	123.8	123.5	0.2	1.4
Energy	140.4	142.0	-1.1	-2.5
CANADA				
All-Items	122.7	122.9	-0.2	0.4
Food	132.1	132.4	-0.2	1.5
Shelter	128.2	128.0	0.2	1.3
Household Operations and Furnishings	114.3	114.7	-0.3	1.5
Clothing and Footwear	94.7	95.3	-0.6	-0.6
Transportation	128.6	129.5	-0.7	-2.1
Health and Personal Care	118.6	118.3	0.3	-0.3
Recreation, Education and Reading	105.2	105.2	0.0	-0.2
Tobacco and Alcohol	140.1	139.8	0.2	1.7
All-Items Excluding Energy	119.9	120.0	-0.1	.7
Energy	158.0	159.9	-1.2	-1.9
REGINA				
All-Items	126.5	126.3	0.2	1.4
SASKATOON				
All-Items	125.4	125.3	0.1	0.6

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Mar. 2013 to Apr. 2013	Apr. 2012 to Apr. 2013
Canada	-0.2	0.4
Newfoundland	0.0	0.6
Prince Edward Island	1.2	1.8
Nova Scotia	0.1	0.6
New Brunswick	-0.4	-0.2
Quebec	0.0	0.4
Ontario	-0.2	0.4
Manitoba	0.2	1.8
Saskatchewan	0.2	1.0
Alberta	0.5	1.3
British Columbia	-1.1	-0.8
Whitehorse	0.1	0.7
Yellowknife	0.3	0.7
Iqaluit	0.6	1.4

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Mar. 2013 to Apr. 2013	Apr. 2012 to Apr. 2013
St. John's	0.0	0.5
Charlottetown-Summerside	1.2	1.8
Halifax	0.1	0.5
Saint John	-0.5	-0.3
Quebec City	-0.1	0.6
Montreal	0.0	0.4
Ottawa	-0.2	0.3
Toronto	-0.2	0.6
Thunder Bay	-0.4	0.0
Winnipeg	0.2	1.8
Regina	0.2	1.4
Saskatoon	0.1	0.6
Edmonton	0.5	1.3
Calgary	0.5	1.4
Vancouver	-1.1	-1.3
Victoria	-1.3	-0.8
Whitehorse	0.1	0.7
Yellowknife	0.3	0.7
Iqaluit	0.6	1.4

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